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MONITORING OF LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

Request is hereby made to add Figure 4 to the above-identified patent application. Applicant, in review of the pending Office Action in this application has discovered that Figure 4 was inadvertently not filed with the original application. Its content is wholly subsumed in the description thereof appearing at the bottom of page 10 and the top of page 11 in the specification, and it is therefore cumulative to that disclosure.

Two original copies of Figure 4 are submitted herewith.

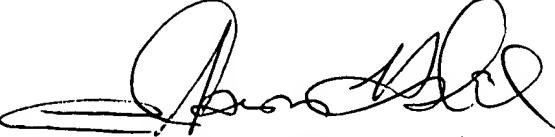
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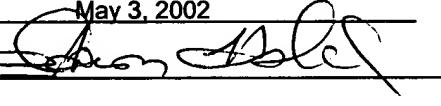
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